

What about POLICE SERVICES?

What are Police Response Times for Our Area?

Call Type	Average King County Sheriff Response Times for the F2 district (includes East Renton)	City of Renton Response Times
CRITICAL DISPATCH: incidents which pose an obvious danger to the life of an officer or citizen, including felony crimes in progress, help the officer situations, shootings, stabbings, in-progress robberies and in-progress burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and a suspect exists, and for manually-activated commercial ("hold up" or "panic") alarms.	6.91 minutes*	2.49 minutes
IMMEDIATE DISPATCH: for incidents requiring immediate police action, all silent passively-activated alarms at banks, businesses, and residences, injury accidents, for major disturbances with weapons involved. Also includes in-progress burglaries of unoccupied structures, other types of crimes in-progress or which have just occurred, where a suspect may still be in the immediate area.	15.28 minutes*	8.13 minutes
PROMPT DISPATCH: For situations that could escalate to a more serious degree is not policed quickly. Examples are verbal disturbances, blocking accidents, hazardous situations, separated domestic violence situation, shoplifters in custody who are not causing a problem, and mental or physical trauma situations.	23.71 minutes*	11.15 minutes
ROUTINE DISPATCH: Calls for which time is not the critical factor in the proper handling of the call, such as burglaries or larcenies that are not in progress, audible commercial and residential alarms, "cold" vehicle thefts and abandoned calls, and dispatch is made as soon as reasonably possible.	64.09 minutes*	23.10 minutes

*Response times are measured from time the call is received at the communications center to arrival on scene in minutes. Other jurisdictions sometimes measure response time from when the officer is dispatched and does not include time in communications queue.

How Does the Sheriff's Office Respond to Our Area Now?

The Sheriff's Office typically staffs the patrol district that encompasses East Renton with a minimum of one deputy per shift. Supervision is provided from the Maple Valley Precinct to the east. KCSO response times are listed in the table above.

King County staffs patrol districts with approximately 1.02 officers per 1,000 residents.

What is Renton's Police Level of Service?

Renton staffs patrol districts with 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. Average response time to high-priority calls is under 5 minutes.

There are 239 police departments in Washington, and Renton is proud to be one of twelve of those agencies that are nationally accredited. The national accreditation program was started in 1979 to develop a set of law enforcement standards, and to establish and administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Accreditation addresses department policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Renton Police Department has to comply with 442 standards in order to maintain accredited status. Accreditation lasts for three years, and Renton Police Department has earned re-accredited status three times.

The benefits of accreditation include: Controlled/limited liability, risk and exposure, stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints, greater accountability within the agency, staunch support from government officials, and increased community advocacy.

Would my address change upon annexation?

Yes. For ease of public safety response to emergencies, Renton Police and Fire Departments identify residents of the city based on a Renton address and:

- A four-digit or less house number and a two-digit street address.
 - Example: 2006 SE 18th Street
- OR
- A four-digit or less house number and a street name.
 - Example: 2006 Harrington Avenue NE.